



Ohio Sen. Horn honored for advocating WPAFB

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio --- Former Ohio State Senator Charles F. Horn received thanks and gratitude for his longtime support of Wright Patterson Air Force Base during a ceremony hosted by the Air Force Research Laboratory in November.

During the presentation, Brigadier General Paul Nielsen, AFRL Commander, recognized Sen. Horn for advocating technical wealth and development at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base on a local, state and national level.

"Sen. Horn, one only needs to look briefly at your record to see your interest in applying technology to economic development," Gen. Nielsen said.

A former mayor of Kettering and Montgomery County Commissioner, Sen. Horn was honored for being a major voice behind the Ohio Advanced Technology Center, now known as the Wright Technology Network by helping to obtain state and federal funding.

"Clearly, we are well aware of your efforts spanning the past 23 years supporting the ...programs and supporting the fullest possible use of the unique facilities, equipment and personnel located here," Gen. Nielsen said.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Sen. Horn, was presented with a replica of a Wright B Flyer, representing the use of technological innovation to alter the way we live, and the tenacity, spirit and vision to make it happen.

Senator Horn continues his mission to spread awareness about the technologies and resources at Wright-Patterson AFB by serving as president of the Center for Regional Economic Strategies, a



A JOB WELL DONE --- Brigadier General Paul Nielsen (right) shakes the hand of former Ohio Senator Charles F. Horn. Horn was a major supporter of Wright-Patterson AFB during his time in office.

non-profit organization which he formed.

The group is working to develop technology-based economic development in the Miami Valley based upon the assets of science and technology at Wright-Patterson.

"I believe that Wright-Patt ought to be utilized by the whole Midwest. In return, the whole Midwest should be in support of funding programs at Wright-Patt," Horn said.

An Ohio native, Horn volunteered to serve in WWII at the age of 17, serving under General Chenault. He then joined the Army Signal Corp at 18 and also served in the Army Air Corps. @